

## Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A soaker hose, ~~and~~ and ground anchor and hose reel assembly, the soaker hose having opposed ends, a top wall and a bottom wall, the top wall being provided with a plurality of openings through which water can pass, a plug fitted in one end of the soaker hose to plug ~~this~~ said one end of the soaker hose, the ground anchor comprising a sleeve, the sleeve extending over the plug and being attached to the plug in a ~~non-rotatable~~ non-rotatable manner, the ground anchor further comprising a stake adapted for insertion into the ground, the stake having a longitudinal axis which is substantially at right angles to the top wall of the soaker hose such that when the stake is inserted in the ground, the top wall of the soaker hose extends upwardly from the ground, the hose reel having a wind up portion or hub about which the soaker hose extends, the wind up portion being oval in configuration, opposed ends on the wind up portion, the opposed ends being substantially V shaped to define sharp curves about which the soaker hose winds.

2. (original) The assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sleeve is provided with a flattened top portion.

3. (original) The assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the soaker hose is provided with visual identification means to clearly identify if the hose is in the correct "upright" position.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (original) The assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein the visual identification comprises a line or a plurality of lines which are of a different or contrasting colour and which are on the top wall of the soaker hose.